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Southern Louisiana Flooding

1700 CDT - August 23, 2016

Update

As a result of the August 2016 flooding due to heavy rains, twenty parishes have received major federal disaster declarations and more than 60,000 homes may have been impacted. Boil water advisories continue to affect over 15,000 people. LDEQ and LDHH have not requested any FEMA assistance as they continue to take the lead for the environmental response. LDEQ has issued guidance on flood debris segregation and flood re-entry. Early indications are that Parishes will take the lead for debris collection and disposal. Currently, debris is being sent for disposal to Type I and Type II landfills.

- EPA participated in the initial FEMA JFO Debris Task Force meeting to support local and parish governments. LDEQ is expected to join future Debris Task Force meeting as they plan to join EPA at the JFO ESF-10 desk Wednesday 8/24/2016.
- LDHH continues conducting drinking water system assessments. Within the declared parishes there are 46 drinking water systems under boil water advisory impacting more than 15,000 people.
- There are 650 WWTP in the declared parishes. LDEQ is implementing their Hurricane Disaster Plan. LDEQ initially attempts to contact potentially impacted WWTP via phone. If after two failed attempts, LDEQ will conduct a facility visit. To date, LDEQ has attempted to contact 605 of 650 WWTP. Phone assessments are continuing as are the LDEQ facility visits.

LDEQ WWTP STATUS			
Fully Operational	Partially Operational	Reporting Not Operational	Unreachable - Unknown Status
509	15	4	77

(605 attempted contacted via phone)

- EPA has established two emergency response teams co-located with LDEQ at their Baton Rouge office. EPA teams are working with LDEQ to ensure that there is adequate emergency response coverage in the impacted area. To date, there have been twenty-eight (28) flood-related NRC reports. LDEQ and EPA have reviewed all of these NRC reports and either EPA or LDEQ have made site visits to each incident.

Since the last reporting period, no additional NRC reports have been received from the flood impacted area.

- EPA continues to provide oversight for the Lard Oil spill cleanup activities that has impacted a residential area in Denham Springs, LA. Most properties only have “residual” oil staining. LDHH has agreed to provide assistance with the response including the development of a fact sheet, individual homeowner consultations, input into assessment and cleanup plans, and the final public health determination of re-habitation of the homes. Ongoing activities include securing access agreements, conducting impact assessments and residential property cleanup. EPA has posted an incident update at epa.gov/la. The oversight of this oil spill response is being funded by the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund (OSLTF).
- The POTUS visited the impacted area on Tuesday 8/23/2016.
- Staffing Chart:

Location	EPA	Contractor
LDEQ	2	5
FEMA-JFO	1	0
REOC	7	5
TOTAL	10	10